

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	18.0
Hours flown	15.0
Monthly offset	3.0
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	42.0
Hours flown	72.4
Monthly offset	30.4
675th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	44.2
Sorties flown	46.6
Monthly offset	2.4
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	33.0
Sorties flown	20.8
Monthly offset	12.2
32nd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	17.0
Hours flown	19.0
Monthly offset	2.0

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Dec. 4

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly cloudy  
N/NE winds @ 10-15 knots  
High: 70 Low: 59

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy  
E/NE winds @ 10-15 knots  
High: 72 Low: 61

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy  
with isolated rain showers  
E winds @ 10-12 knots  
High: 70 Low: 63

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITY BANK  
EXCHANGE RATES  
BUYING: \$1-V118 SELLING: Y124-\$1

# Alcohol task force turns Green to cut incidents

By Capt. Carlos Diaz  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Team Kadena drivers passing through the gates Dec. 12-16 will get a gift from a variety of Kadena's top leaders.

The present?

A free green magnet.

Emblazoned with the ZZ13 logo and the statement, "If you drink, drink responsibly," the magnet is a small part of a sweeping campaign in December to educate Team Kadena about the risks of alcohol abuse, officials said.

"I hope to see a lot of cars sporting a green ribbon," said Maj. Tony Anaya, Kadena's Alcohol Task Force chairman. "But, most importantly, I hope

our people make safe choices during the holiday season. That's what this is about."

"Many folks will celebrate the holiday season at home or out with friends," he said. "Either way, the alcohol task force wants to ensure that all those who drink make a conscious decision to do so responsibly. This Green Ribbon Campaign will help by providing a month-long emphasis at a time when DUIs and other alcohol-related incidents tend to peak," said Major Anaya.

In addition to magnets, flyers will appear in dormitories, posters will pop up in work areas, and wrecked cars—with green ribbon signs—will pepper the base.

To complement the handouts and

displays, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment office will hold educational courses for supervisors today and Dec. 19.

"The course is designed to help NCOs increase their understanding of the behavior of young Airmen who drink," said Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Ewertz, NCO in charge of the ADAPT program. "It's not an attempt to stop Airmen from drinking, but to help them be aware of the risks of alcohol abuse," she said. Sergeant Ewertz also said the course—officially called the Squadron Alcohol Skills Interventions Curriculum, or SASIC—is best taught by the base NCO corps since they are in leadership roles and directly supervise junior Airmen.

"The overriding goal of SASIC is to

help Airman evaluate and think differently about their alcohol consumption behavior," she said.

Other programs like Airmen Against Drunk Driving and free cabs from the gates and Services facilities designed to get Airmen home safely will also be promoted during the campaign.

"This campaign is about responsibility to ourselves and to our wingmen," said Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander. "As a team we need to commit to not drinking and driving, and to saving lives by ensuring our wingmen make the right decisions. If you host a party this season, take responsibility beforehand and ensure designated drivers are available."

## Final base push begins for CFC

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Less than a week remains before this year's Combined Federal Campaign ends Dec. 15. Organizers say they are still \$105,000 short of their mark.

As of Monday, CFC officials had raised more than \$350,000 toward the \$455,000 goal for the year. Of the current donations, \$32,760 was specifically earmarked for family support and youth programs here.

Capt. Jon Daur, CFC co-chairman, said the wing is only two percent shy of its 100 percent contact goal, but remains well behind the goal of getting half of the base to participate.

"Our total number of donors has exceeded last year's 21 percent, but there's still some time left for more people to give," he said.

"Last year's campaign raised \$413,000 and we're on pace to meet that this year," he explained. "Family support and youth programs raised just over \$19,000 last year and we've already surpassed that."

The push for final contributions will be during a CFC golf tournament at the Banyan Tree Golf Course Dec. 16 beginning at 7 a.m. The entrance fee is \$45, which includes green fees, golf cart, lunch and door prizes.

Contact a unit CFC representative for an entry form and e-mail it to Staff Sgt. Chris Johnson on the Kadena network.

## Holiday lights in Okinawa



Courtesy photo

Lights illuminate the night at Okinawa Kids Park in Okinawa City during last year's holiday season. For more information on local events that light the holiday skies of Okinawa see Page 8.

**FAMILY READINESS FAIR TODAY AT 3 P.M., SEE PAGE 3**



# 'Tis the season to ZZ13

By Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas  
18th Wing commander

We're full swing into the holiday season, and I hope it will be a good month for all of us at Kadena. The end of year is traditionally a wonderful time to relax with our friends and family, to step back from our daily routines and be thankful for all our blessings.

This is also a hectic time of year, with lots of parties and more down time than usual, including two four-day weekends this month. Historically our highest DUI rates are in December, and last December two members of Team Kadena died in separate, alcohol-related incidents. We can't passively wait for the next fatality; a staunch commitment by every military and civilian member

of Team Kadena to taking care of our wingmen will keep us all safe this holiday season.

To help that process along our Alcohol Task Force is launching a "green ribbon campaign," which began this week in the form of Z-Z-1-3 flyers, computer pop-ups, magnets and ribbons that remind each of us of our responsibility to keep our team and wingmen safe.



Our goals of Zero underage drinking and Zero alcohol-related incidents are a solid model of professional behavior for those who choose to drink, and for all of us as wingmen. We mustn't, however, get lost in the packaging of this program. Our individual guides of no-more-than 1 drink an hour and 3 drinks per night offer a good yardstick for guiding personal behavior, but the bottom line message remains ... *if you choose to drink, drink responsibly.*

Let's have a December to remember, and continue to do the right thing: have a plan, look out for your wingman, and don't drink and drive. By doing so we can make sure that we all have Happy Holidays!

## ACTION LINE

E-mail:  
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The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

### Double concerns

I have two questions. My first deals with mail delivery. In the past when my family has sent a package priority mail, it has been delivered within two weeks. I ordered a special humidifier for health reasons and paid an extra \$40 for express mail. I received the e-mail from the company saying that my package had been shipped with a tracking number. A couple of weeks passed and I entered my tracking number and it stated that my package had been scanned at the APO drop in California two days after the company shipped it. But my package didn't arrive until mid-September. I asked the postal clerks why it took so long and was told express mail is still controlled by the military. I would not have paid the extra shipping if I would have known it would take two months. I also asked if there was some way they could reimburse my shipping fee since it was their fault and I was basically told that "that's the way the cookie crumbles." I don't think that is right. My second question is do we have any back up generators on this base? I live in the old Seville Manor and if the wind blows too hard we lose power for hours at a time. My family and I have been in our home for three months and we've lost power 12 times already. The longest power outage was for about seven hours and I had a 6-week old daughter at the time. I also called the housing office to report the problem and was told that the problem was being worked and we should have our power returned before 8 p.m. What are we suppose to do in the meantime for food and to keep our family cool?

Thanks for bringing these issues to my attention. I asked our Communications Squadron to find out why your express mail package took two months to arrive on Kadena. Unfortunately, because the tracking information from the package was no longer available, they were unable to determine

where in the mail system your package was delayed. However, the information you received concerning express mail service was incorrect since the price of this service includes a refund if it is not delivered in a timely manner.

For express mail, a refund can be filed if the package does not arrive between 3-4 days from the mailing date. Customers can file a claim anytime between 7-90 days after the package was shipped. To file a claim the post office requires the original express mail receipt. Either the sender or recipient can file a claim, but not both. To make the claims process smoother, we also recommend customers bring the box that the package was mailed in along with any other pertinent documentation. If the refund amount is under \$50, the refund can be made locally at the Kadena Post Office. We are ensuring all post office employees are aware of this policy.

I'm sorry about the power outages in your housing area. The truth is that our system is old and sometimes the transmission equipment fails. Other outages are sometimes caused by large fruit bats that short the lines, or tree limbs that trip the circuit. Your electricity is provided via overhead lines that pose many challenges to our electric shop. After an outage, and before they can re-energize the lines, all the electrical lines on the circuit must be inspected to ensure they are safe. Those inspections, and any necessary repairs, are often the cause for delays in restoring power. That's the bad news. The good news is that we identified this problem a while back and your power lines are scheduled to be upgraded in the fall of 2006.

Until the upgrade is complete, please understand that when the lights go out, our Civil Engineers are doing everything they can to restore power as quickly and safely as possible.

**Don't drink & drive**  
It has been...  
**5 days**  
since the last DUI arrest on Kadena.  
60 days = 18th Wing 'Down Day'



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## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Sarah Lynn Mayersky  
Unit: 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron  
Hometown: Shenandoah, Penn.

Reason for nomination: As one of our best optometry technicians, Senior Airman Mayersky expertly filled a short-notice manning assistance to Osan Air Base, South Korea. As the only technician, she received high praise for her selflessness and professionalism.

Time at Kadena: 1 year and 4 months.

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlist-ed leaders.



## Helping hands



Air Force/ Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell

Firefighter Yasuhiro Oshiro, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, helps Ryota Katazu, 10, aim a fire hose Sunday during a tour of Kadena's fire station by the Single Mothers Association of Okinawa's Southern Region. More than 100 people rode fire trucks, used water hoses, played games and had lunch at the base as part of ongoing base community relations initiatives.

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** Did you know? According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, each year, alcohol-related crashes in the United States cost the nation about \$ 51 billion.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Air Force officials announced Thursday that Lt. Col. John Quinn of the 18th Operations Group has been selected for promotion to colonel.

**FAMILY READINESS FAIR:** The Kadena Family Support Center hosts a family readiness fair today from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center

for families of Airmen tasked to support Air Expeditionary Force 10. For more information, contact the FSC at 634-3366.

**OFFICE CLOSURES:** The 18th Component Maintenance Squadron Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment flight (also known as "PMEL") will close today at 2 p.m. For emergency calibration, call the 18th CMS production supervisor at 632-9173 or the Maintenance Operation Center at 634-4139. Normal business hours will resume Monday at 8 a.m.

• All 18th Medical Group clinics and ancillary services will

be closed for the holidays and command family days Dec. 23-26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 2. For emergencies call 911 or visit the Camp Lester U.S. Naval Hospital emergency room. For urgent concerns, contact the on-call provider by calling the Okinawa Clinical Answering Service at 643-4245.

**SPOUSE ORIENTATION:** The Kadena Family Support Center sponsors the Heartlink Air Force Spouses Orientation Tuesday at the Schilling Community Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Heartlink is designed to introduce Air Force spouses to valuable tools for use in successfully adapting to the military lifestyle. Catered breakfast and lunch will be provided, along with free childcare, door prizes, and a spouses coin. Call 634-3366 to sign up.

**HOLIDAY MAILING:** Express mail should be mailed out by Wednesday in order to make it to stateside addresses in time for the holidays.

**CHANGE OF COMMAND:** Lt. Col. Mario Troncoso assumes command of the 18th Contracting Squadron from Lt. Col. David Williamsen in a ceremony scheduled for Dec. 20 at 8 a.m. in the Kadena Officers Club.

**HOUSE DECORATING RULES:** Base housing officials announced the following guidelines for holiday decorating in base housing:

- Use scotch tape or adhesive backed hangers for placing decorations on doors. Never use hot glue.
- Balconies can be decorated with lights, but lights may not be hung from exterior concrete

walls.

- Decorations are authorized for use in recreation rooms and can be hung from ceilings using thumbtacks only.
- Don't leave outside lights on during the daytime. Outside lighting should not be left on throughout the night either. Turn them off no later than 10 p.m.
- Holiday lights should all be removed by Jan. 3.

**EARLY PATRIOT EXPRESS CHECK-INS:** Passengers on funded orders booked on Patriot Express flights to Yokota Air Base or Seattle can check in between noon and 10 p.m. the day before departure. The change is intended to give passengers more time to take care of last-minute paperwork and relieve flight-related stress. Call 634-0153 for more information.

**TRASH TIP:** Dispose of engine oils, engine coolants, car grease, car batteries, and other similar products at the Kadena Auto Skills Center or

at the AAFES garage.

**FREE PARTY:** The Kadena First Sergeants Council hosts a free holiday party at the Rocker NCO Club Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. for unaccompanied military members in the grades of E-4 and below. The party will feature food, prizes and presents. Contact unit first sergeants for more details.

**OUTBOUND NEW HOURS:** The outbound assignments section within the Military Personnel Flight has new customer service hours. Walk-in hours are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily. Outprocessing appointments hours are held daily from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and again from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**FLU SHOTS:** Influenza immunizations are available for all medical beneficiaries at the 18th Medical Group and the U.S. Naval Hospital in Camp Lester. Camp Lester sponsors a special flu shot clinic Saturday and Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the family medicine clinic. Shots are also given during the week at the 18th MDG Immunizations Clinic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**SERVICES SURVEY:** Headquarters Air Force Services will be conducting a customer feedback survey to assess satisfaction with services programs. The response from the survey will help drive policy and program decisions. This year's survey is due to arrive at Kadena in mid-December. Base members will be chosen randomly to participate. Services officials here ask that everyone selected complete the survey and return it in the envelope provided. For more information, contact Bonnie Runge at 623-6217.

**GATE 3 UPDATE:** Local officials have postponed the repaving work on Highway 74 near Gate 3 previously announced in the Dec. 2 Kadena Shogun.

## Airman convicted for possessing child porn

A military court martial convicted an Airman here Dec. 2 of possessing child pornography.

A military judge sentenced Senior Airman Jason O. Green, of the 353rd Maintenance Squadron, to 20 months confinement, reduction to airman basic and a dishonorable discharge.

As the result of a pretrial agreement between the government and the Airman, the maximum sentence that may be approved is 18 months confinement, reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of pay and a bad conduct discharge.

Airman Green said he used an Internet file-sharing program and numerous Web sites to download more than 900 images and 10 movies of underage girls engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

Officials arrested the Airman after they discovered he used a friend's personal computer to download images. The friend subsequently reported Airman Green to authorities.

"People need to realize that this is not a victimless crime," said Capt. Brian Jones, trial counsel for the case.

"These are faces of real children who have been traumatized and abused and forever have to live with pain, humiliation and shame," he said.

Captain Jones said, "Anyone who feeds into the cycle of this sick and vicious industry does not deserve the respect and honor that comes with wearing the Air Force uniform."

Airman Green is serving his punishment at the nearby Camp Hansen Brig.

## JASDF Air Show



Courtesy photo

The 83rd Air Wing of the Japan Self Defense Force will host an open house event Dec. 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To get to Naha Air Base, turn left at Gate 1 onto Route 58 and head south following the signs to the airport. Naha Air Base is located just south of Naha airport.



## The awakening of some old injuries

By Chief Master Sgt.  
 Clinton Camac  
 18th Wing Command  
 Chief Master Sergeant

**Editor's Note:** *Tales of the Tape* is a six-part series about the pursuit by Kadena's top enlisted leader to achieve a healthier lifestyle. This week, here's his report:

After 10 weeks on the program, all I can say is .... I'm not Airman 1st Class Camac anymore.

I have had yet another couple of curveballs thrown at me.

During Wingman Day activities, I must have tried putting together too many double plays at the Chiefs vs Eagles softball game. (Sidenote of smack: it would've helped if the Eagles had gotten the ball beyond the infield.) I ended up tearing a muscle in my shoulder, waking up an old weight lifting injury. So, doctor's orders: no lifting for at least two weeks.

I thought, that's OK. I can continue to run, do crunches, weight train the lower body and stretch. And, of course, maintain the diet and nutrition (the most important part).

The second curveball hit me during a morning run after Thanksgiving.

I couldn't run further

than about a quarter mile.

My knee gave out, a holdover injury from skateboarding in high school and intramural basketball. Then, it happened again two days later.

So, now what?

It's back to the bikes, cross-trainers and the elliptical machines at the fitness center until this old body is ready for another go running the streets.

Though I never envisioned this would occur toward the end, I must try to make the proverbial lemonade.

This is also important as part of the "therapy" of sticking to an intense fitness program.

It's much more mental than physical.

What's important about this? Always accentuate the positive. My overall fitness level is leaps and bounds what it was 10 weeks ago.

I am mentally stronger and more alert. My overall health is excellent.

My diet is spot on, and that was the biggest change to overcome, as I think it would be for most folks.

I just need to get through a few physiological issues (over-40 moments) and press on.

Next week, we'll wrap it and see where we stand.



PART 5 OF A  
 6-PART SERIES

## Holiday's hottest toy gone in minutes from base exchange

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
 18th Wing Public Affairs

Not since Tickle-Me-Elmo dolls in the late 1990s has there been such demand for the hottest holiday toy.

This year's "must get" toy, the new Microsoft Xbox 360, is in short supply worldwide and Kadena shoppers hoping to buy a system at Kadena's base exchange will unfortunately have to look elsewhere.

Microsoft originally planned to produce more than 1 million game systems for the initial release last month, but instead only manufactured 200,000.

Of the 200,000 systems available, AAFES was given 4,000 to sell worldwide, which averaged between 10-40 systems per store, explained Air Force Master Sgt. Donovan Potter, an AAFES spokesman at Camp Foster.

"The distribution of the new system was based on each retailer's percentage of Microsoft's overall business," he explained. "AAFES currently comprises 1 percent of Microsoft's business, but AAFES actually received 2 percent [of the initial launch] so that we could better supply our Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom facilities."

Erika Pfauntsch, Kadena's BX manager, said the very limited number of systems at Kadena's BX sold out in a matter of minutes.

"I blinked and they were gone," she said.

The results have been the same at other retail stores worldwide.

In one extreme case, a fight broke out last month between shoppers in a Wal-Mart store in Maryland - forcing police to

## Alternative shopping

Looked at the base exchange for a certain item only to find out it's sold out? The Kadena Shogun staff surveyed 87 people around the base and below are the Top 10 Most Common and Off-the-Beaten Path Internet shopping sites they used for buying holiday gifts:

### 10 Most Common Sites

1. AMAZON.com
2. EBAY.com
3. BESTBUY.com
4. NEWEGG.com
5. JCPENNY.com
6. WALMART.com
7. TARGET.com
8. TOYSRUS.com
9. VICTORIASECRET.com
10. OVERSTOCK.com

### 10 Off-the-Beaten Path Sites

1. BABYCENTER.com
2. THINKGEEK.com
3. ZAPPOS.com
4. REDENVELOP.com
5. OCONUS.com
6. CALLYOMOMMA.com
7. PERSONALCREATIONS.com
8. THINGSREMEMBERED.com
9. BOOKSAMILLION.com
10. PETSMART.com

clear out the store.

While there were no fights in Kadena's BX during the holiday sales event over Thanksgiving weekend, Ms. Pfauntsch said customers have been quick to buy electronic equipment this year.

"Desktops and notebooks are really hot this season," she said. "Customers are upgrading to the latest computer technology systems."

Sergeant Potter said Kadena shoppers can also take advantage of cheaper plasma and liquid crystal display televisions, digital cameras and other video game systems, such as Playstation 2 Personal and Gameboy Micro.

"They make a great gift for the whole family," he said.

"Digital cameras are coming out with better quality and lower prices, plus we have the computer and video game systems along with all the games that kids enjoy. MP3 players also make great stocking stuffers."

Staff Sgt. Jessica Ledlow,

18th Wing command chief executive assistant, said she spent two-thirds of her \$300 holiday budget to buy her 2-year-old son, Brennan, a Power Wheel Cadillac.

Today through Dec. 15, the BX will be holding a holiday electronics sale. On Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be pictures with Santa Claus.

One of the final sales before Christmas will be on Dec. 15 during Moonlight Madness from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sergeant Potter said the event promises random, unadvertised sales for shoppers inside the exchange.

For last-minute holiday shoppers, the BX will be open:

- ☐ Dec. 23 - 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- ☐ Dec. 24, Christmas Eve - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- ☐ Closed on Christmas Day
- ☐ Dec. 26, Kwanzaa begins, Hanukkah - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ☐ Dec. 27 to Jan. 2 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Shoppers can also order AAFES merchandise online at [www.AAFES.com](http://www.AAFES.com).

## Kadena Shogun incorporates changes from readership survey

By Capt. Gerardo Gonzalez  
 18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena Shogun readers spoke ...and the newspaper staff listened.

More than 340 people voiced their opinion of the base newspaper in an anonymous online survey sent via e-mail link to all base account holders in October.

The 34-question survey gauged how well The Kadena Shogun met the information needs of the base. A remarks section also gave participants the opportunity to provide candid, honest feedback.

"There are too many advertisements, not enough news," said one person, identifying the top two complaints in the survey.

Improvements are underway.

We've boosted The Kadena Shogun from eight pages to 12. Readers

should note that the size of the paper sometimes fluctuates to adjust to staff shortages or major events, such as typhoons and long holiday weekends.

By far the biggest complaint was the publishing company's advertising insert. Ads generate revenue to pay for the newspaper. The production cost of The Kadena Shogun—a full color newspaper—to the Air Force is zero.

Another common concern among survey participants was the lack of news beyond Kadena.

"I hardly see anything about current Air Force issues or topics," said a survey participant. The concern manifested itself statistically when only 26 percent of those surveyed agreed the newspaper informed them about the Air Force in general.

A fix is in progress. With the addition of four more pages, The Kadena Shogun will expand to include Air

Force and Department of Defense news. This initiative should provide readers a wider military perspective and more variety.

Some asked for updates to the commentary section.

"Put more articles from chiefs and other senior enlisted [discussing] issues at Kadena," said a concerned reader.

Done.

Policy changed in October to allow commanders or senior enlisted unit leaders to submit leadership commentaries for publication. The Shogun also remains open to commentaries by other Team Kadena members that positively address topics of command emphasis—such as professionalism, core values, etc.

An area of debate in the survey was the sports section.

"[There's] poor coverage of base sports to include intramural and varsity-level competition," said one person, while someone else said, "Too

much of the paper covers sports." The statistics showed that 69 percent of those surveyed rated sports coverage at least satisfactory or higher; 22 percent rated the coverage poor; and 6 percent didn't recall seeing sports coverage in the paper.

Statistics also showed that most survey participants found The Kadena Shogun to be accurate; 61 percent agreed; 30 percent remained neutral to the question; and 9 percent disagreed.

Readers of The Kadena Shogun made countless other suggestions and observations. The staff evaluated each one for merit and took action where feasible. Some other changes readers can see now or in upcoming issues include a page highlighting school events, a focus on military benefits, and a revamping of the culture page.

The survey ran from Oct 12-25 and was publicized in the newspaper and on the Kadena public Web page.





# Bush: Clear strategy will ensure victory in Iraq

By Donna Miles  
American Forces  
Press Service

WASHINGTON — A clear, comprehensive U.S. strategy is showing solid progress in Iraq and will ultimately defeat terrorists there and ensure a free Iraq that inspires democratic reformers throughout the Middle East, President Bush said.

President Bush shared details of the "U.S. National Strategy for Victory in Iraq" Nov. 30, emphasizing that the United States won't surrender Iraq to terrorists and won't abandon its mission there until it's finished.

Speaking to the brigade of midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy, President Bush assured the group he wants the same thing all Americans want: to see U.S. troops win and to see them come home as soon as possible.

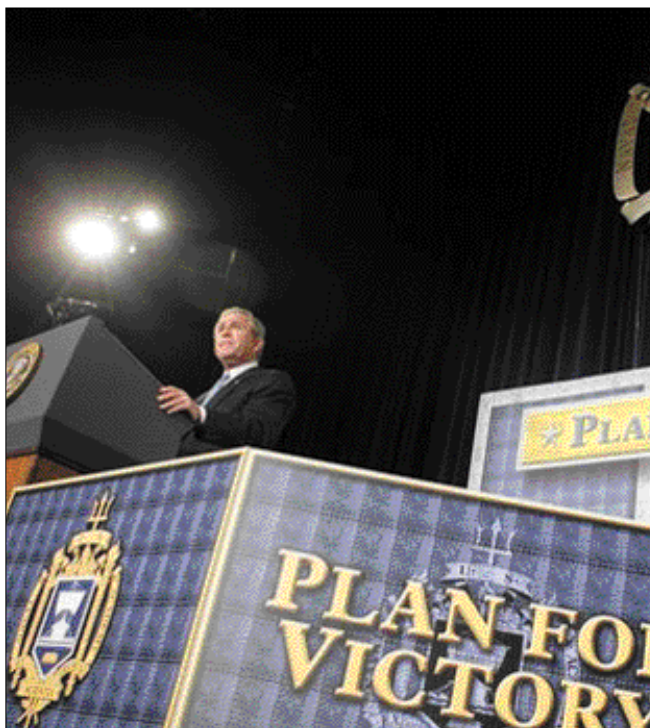
"And those are my goals as well," he said. "I will settle for nothing less than complete victory."

Victory against terrorism is critical around the globe, and "the enemy must be defeated on every battlefield," the president said.

But victory in Iraq is particularly important, he said. "The terrorists have made it clear that Iraq is the central front in their war against humanity," he said, "and so we must recognize Iraq as the central front in the war on terror."

A comprehensive national strategy that's helping assure victory in Iraq has three major elements: political, economic and security, Bush told the group.

An unclassified version of that strategy is posted on the White House



White House/Paul Morse

President Bush speaks on the War on Terror at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., Nov. 30. The president pledged to all those who wear the uniform, "America will not run in the face of car bombers and assassins so long as I am your Commander-in-Chief."

Web site.

Politically, the United States is helping Iraqis build inclusive democratic institutions to protect all Iraqis,

engage those who can be persuaded to join the new government, and marginalize those who never will, the president said.

Economically, he continued, the United States is helping the Iraqis restore infrastructure, reform their economy and build the economic framework that will give all Iraqis a stake in a free and peaceful Iraq.

On the security front, Iraqi and coalition forces are on the offensive against terrorists and those who harbor or support them, President Bush said. They're clearing out areas controlled by terrorists, holding that territory using Iraqi forces, and following up with targeted reconstruction to help Iraqis rebuild their lives, he said.

President Bush cited solid progress in all three areas as more Iraqi security forces stand up and the country moves toward democracy, with national elections scheduled for Dec. 15.

"In just over two and a half years, the Iraqi people have made incredible progress on the road to lasting freedom," he said. "Iraqis have gone from living under the boot of a brutal tyrant to liberation, free elections and a democratic constitution -- and in 15 days they will go to the polls to elect a fully constitutional government that will lead them for the next four years."

To critics who say the only U.S. plan in Iraq is to stay the current course, President Bush offered a retort. "If by 'stay the course' they mean we will not allow the terrorists to break our will, they're right," he said.

"If by 'stay the course' they mean we will not permit al Qaeda to turn Iraq into what Afghanistan was under the Taliban -- a safe haven for terrorism and a launching pad for attacks on America -- they're right as well."

## Ethics officials: gift rules still apply

WASHINGTON — As the traditional gift-giving season gets under way, American people, corporations and service groups are showing their gratitude to American servicemembers, especially those who are deployed overseas.

"The outpouring from the public of goodwill, compassion and recognition for the sacrifices of these military personnel is remarkable and very gratifying," said Stephen Epstein, director of the Standards of Conduct Office within the DOD's Office of the General Counsel.

However, Mr. Epstein said, recent misunderstandings that have been reported in the media have surfaced about what can and can't be donated to servicemembers, including those who've been wounded. Federal gift-giving rules apply to all servicemembers and their families.

In general, military personnel and their family members may accept unsolicited gifts as long as they are not offered because of their official position or

from a "prohibited source."

A prohibited source is any person or group that, seeks official action from the employee's agency; does or seeks to do business with his or her agency; conducts activities regulated by the employee's agency; or has interests that may be substantially affected by the individual employee's official duties.

Federal rules define a gift as any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance or other item or activity having monetary value. It includes services such as training, transportation, local travel, lodging and meals.

"The general rule is that you can't accept gifts from defense contractors," Mr. Epstein said, noting such situations may be perceived by the public as attempts to curry favor or influence official decisions.

As a result, defense contractors tend to make donations to relief organizations and charitable groups that support the armed forces, he said.

## AF gun trucks deliver goods

TIKRIT, Iraq — As Airmen saddle up for one of the most notorious jobs in Iraq, the mood is not dread, but drive and determination.

There's confidence in every move as members of the 732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron here at Forward Operating Base Speicher prepare to escort truck convoys on some of the roughest roads in the country.

"I love being a gunner. It's a major adrenaline rush," said Airman Catherine Karl, deployed here from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England. "You're up there and always paying attention. It's bumpy, but I don't think I'd rather do anything else."

The 19-year-old from Ventura, Calif., said she was kind of a "girly girl" in high school, but this experience in the desert has changed her — made her stronger and more confident in herself.

"My friends at home, they're somewhat amazed, especially at me being a gunner," she said.

Airman Karl's teammates in Iraq are less amazed,



Air Force/ Maj. Robert Couse-Baker

Airmen assigned to the 732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron depart base Speicher to escort a truck convoy.

because they too have grown stronger by the experience.

"The change started in training, before we deployed," said Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Campbell, deployed from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. "They've all had some responsibility, but not to this level."

The training took place in the Basic Combat Convoy Course, -- BC3 -- an intensive month at Camp Anderson-Peters, Texas, where Airmen practice ground combat skills and Army-style small-unit tactics. Students practice convoy maneuvers and qualify with M-4 carbines and M-249 machine guns.

More important, the technical and staff sergeants who became truck commanders and convoy commanders transformed in BC3 from skilled technicians to leaders.

"It's very dangerous out there, but they're stepping up to take a larger role," Sergeant Campbell said. "These techs and staffs have truly become NCOs."

The convoy and truck commanders, in turn, must rely on their Airmen.

Trust is one of the common threads that binds these men and women together: trust in their training, trust in their equipment and trust in each other.





## Kadena gets into holiday spirit

(clockwise from top)

**PARADE:** The National School of Martial Arts marches in Kadena's annual holiday parade. The group was one of many that braved the rain Dec. 2 for the annual trek down Douglas Boulevard ending at Tinsel Town in front of the Schilling Community Center.

**SANTA:** Chandra Dennis, Santa's helper, takes a photo of Santa and Alexis Pensante, daughter of Staff Sgt. David Pensante, as Santa's helper Amanda Martinez stands by with candy canes in Tinsel Town.

**LIGHTS:** Allison Burton, 2, and Monica Burton, daughter and wife of Master Sgt. Robert Burton, place an ornament on the Schilling Community Center Christmas tree.

**CRAFTS:** More than 35 military families designed a variety of arts and crafts at the Schilling Community Center during the Tinsel Town celebration.

**BAND:** The Kadena High School Band entertained the Tinsel Town crowd with a variety of holiday songs.

**WIN:** Ellie Buntin, 3, with her parents, Senior Airman Lionel and Heather Buntin, reacts to winning a prize on her first spin of a game wheel.

**CHEER:** Amanda Ponath (left) and Rahbekah Tran, Kadena Cowboys cheerleaders, hold up teammate Ashley Mason during their Tinsel Town performance.

(U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)











Courtesy photo

The Southeast Botanical Gardens will have a limited light event Dec. 21-25 and charges an admission fee.



Courtesy photo

The Itoman Tourism and Farm Park has more than 130,000 lights on display near Peace Memorial Park in southern Okinawa.

## Okinawa spots lighten season

Compiled from staff reports

¥1,000 at the door.

The Okinawa military community can view a myriad of holiday lights at several tour spots, towns and shopping centers throughout the island. The following is a breakdown of the more popular spots:

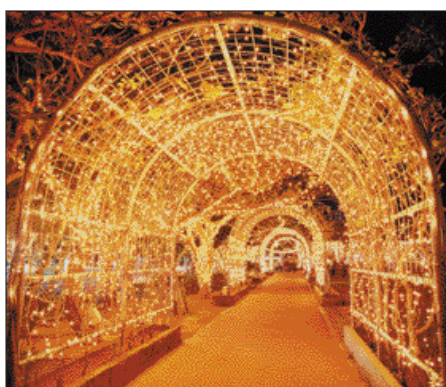
**Southeast Botanical Gardens:** Located east of Kadena, the garden park hosts a light display from Dec. 21-25.

The display is lit from 6 to 11 p.m. and admission is ¥1,800 (advance), ¥2,000 (at door) for visitors 12 years old and up. For children 6 to 11, advanced tickets are ¥900 or

**Okinawa Outlet Mall Ashibina:** Located in Tomishiro City south of Naha Airport near Highway 331, the mall has lights on display for viewing from 6 to 9 p.m. from Nov. 5 until Feb. 14. There is no admission fee.

• **Okinawa Kids Park:** Located in Okinawa City, the park sells advance tickets for its holiday illumination from Dec. 22-27. Adults, ¥1,600 (advance), ¥1,900 (at door); children ages 4 to 18, ¥800 (advance) or ¥1,000 (at door).

Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel offers various holiday tours. For more information, call 634-4322.



Courtesy photo

A hall of lights at Itoman Tourism and Farm Park may just be the background scene needed for a family holiday photograph from Okinawa.



Courtesy photo

The Okinawa Outlet Mall Ashibina in Tomishiro City has lights on display from 6 to 9 p.m. from Nov. 5 to Feb. 14. There is no admission fee.

## The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

□ The senior vice minister of the prime minister's cabinet paid a visit to Okinawa Governor Keiichi Inamine Dec. 1 to discuss the possibility of thousands of Japanese base workers losing their jobs as a result of future U.S. military realignment. The minister emphasized the need to tackle re-employment programs and future use of any returned military bases.

□ Okinawa Police arrested a 23-year old Air Force staff sergeant Nov. 30 for assault. The intoxicated individual allegedly entered a taxi at approximately 2:30 a.m. and choked the driver before striking him in the back of the head. The Airman was on temporary duty at Kadena Air Base from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

□ Okinawan government officials are submitting bills that support U.S. military realignment in Japan to the regular Diet session scheduled to convene in January. The bills include financial assistance measures for base consolidations, including legal measures allowing Japan to bear the cost of relocating U.S. Marines to Guam. Tokyo estimates the Guam move will cost Japan at least ¥40 billion. The government intends to set up a fiscal framework separate from the defense budget to help prepare.

□ The Japanese government plans to extend the mission of Japanese troops engaged in reconstruction work in Iraq for another year, sources from the ruling Liberal Democratic Party said Nov. 30. Japan considered withdrawing Ground Self-Defense Force troops from Samawah, southern Iraq, around next May. The one-year extension provides flexibility in deciding the pullout timing in the event of situational changes there, said the sources.

## Ask Oba-chan



"Ask Oba-chan" (Grandma) is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions. To submit a question, send an e-mail to: kadena-shogun.newspaper@kadena.af.mil with the subject line - ASK OBA-CHAN

Washogun.newspaper@kadena.af.mil with the subject line - ASK OBA-CHAN

I see a lot of stone signs with three symbols on them at the base of houses and walls. What are they and what do the symbols mean?

The stone markers, called ishi-gan-tu in Okinawan dialect and ishi-gan-to in Japanese, are seen wherever a road or path leads directly toward a residence, normally at Y- or T-intersections or dead-end streets. The purpose of the ishi-gan-tu is to deflect evil. Although there are some ishi-gan-tu in mainland Japan, they are most common in Okinawa. Ishi-gan-tu were introduced from China during the early days of trade between China and the Ryukyu Kingdom. The stone marker is based on Chinese legends from the 14th and 15th Centuries.

The first legend is based on a Chinese saying about the gods who lived on Taishan - a holy mountain in Chinese mythology. The most powerful of the gods, Shi-Gan-Dang (the Chinese pronunciation of the characters), was considered by his worshippers as a courageous and strong god, who protected the common people from demons and evil spirits. As far back as the Tang Dynasty (618-905 A.D.), people would place stones inscribed with his name in front of their doors, at the end of alleys, and in other vulnerable places as protection against evil spirits.

A more popular Chinese legend is about a powerful warrior who specialized in contracting out his services as a demon exterminator. After vanquishing a demon, he would leave the stone marker with his name on it as a warning to other evil spirits. As his popularity spread, so did the use of his name as a ward against evil.

The placement of the stone markers is also based on an ancient Oriental belief that spirits can only travel in straight lines. The markers eventually began to be placed wherever the imaginary straight line of a route of travel projected into a residence.

The kanji combination ishi-gan-tu has no special meaning in Okinawan or Japanese, but in Chinese the bottom two symbols (Gan-Dang), when combined, equate to the English word "dare," and Shi (ishi) is "stone."

Maybe our powerful god or warrior put out "Dare Stones" to challenge evil spirits, letting them know that they dare not pass this stone. Not being a linguistic or historical expert, I can't say for sure, but I can say that the ishi-gan-tu is another interesting part of our culture.





Steve Schrock, Kadena Middle School teacher, evaluates a group on their presentation while (left to right) Jessica Foultz, Bridgett Reilly, Madison Stokes, and Kyle Trenor explain the history of colonial churches.



Dressed in period-style clothing, Jordan Dumpert, left, and Aaron Avila discuss their Colonial Fair presentation before being evaluated at Kadena Middle School.



Phil Crosby, 8th grade history teacher, addresses students before the official start of the Colonial Fair on Dec. 2.

## Kadena Middle School brings Colonial times to life at fair

Story and photos by  
Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell  
18th Communications  
Squadron

Colonial history was brought to life by more than 95 students during the 6th Annual Colonial Fair at Kadena Middle School Dec. 2.

Students provided insight into Colonial life and its evolution through displays and explanations of Colonial folktales, punishment, food, clothing and lifestyles.

"My group's project was clothes," said Erica Butler, adding that it was fun learning how clothes have changed throughout history. "Working together with my team was great," she said about teammates Krissalee Blair, Jennifer Jones and Elissa Mason.

The history fair consisted of teams of four to five students learning through cooperative group efforts to accomplish a common goal. That goal was achieved through research, creative interpretation and group presentations.

The students started off their final projects by mak-

ing a list of three topics and by getting approval to pursue their topics in Colonial history.

When asked why he picked Colonial-era capital punishment, Grafton Solomon, son of Master Sgt. Gary Solomon, said, "I thought it was going to be neat. I never thought that I would learn as much as I did." His group's presentation included a variety of historical implements used for Colonial-style public punishment.

"History was not one of my favorite subjects," Tevin Andrews said, "but this project changed my mind. Getting involved and bringing it to life was exciting for me."

Phil Crosby, 8th grade history teacher, organized the event to energize students through hands on involvement.

"They never cease to amaze me with how much energy and hard work they put into their projects," said Mr. Crosby. "Each year this event gets bigger and more students dress up and get more involved. I am really proud of them."



Courtesy photo

Kadena High School seniors Casey Pegram, daughter of Lt. Col. Janice Pegram, commander of Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Detachment 624; and Isaac Wheeler, son of Mark Wheeler, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, practice dancing for the Madrigal Dinner.

## KHS hosts annual Madrigal dinner

Compiled by staff reports

Join a Medieval court for dinner and song at Kadena High School's 3rd Annual Madrigal Dinner.

Performances are tonight and Saturday at 6 p.m.

"The Madrigal dinner takes place during the Renaissance, and is a play and musical," according to Liana Navo, a junior at Kadena High School and one of the performers.

"There is singing, dancing, skits, and a tale of love involving princes, knights, lovely maidens and unicorns. It's a lot of fun, everyone should go," she said. The cast of 40 includes a royal family, troubadours, jesters, ladies-in-waiting and many others.

The performance is a production of the music department and is produced and directed by Tim Black.

Food will be prepared and served by parents of the students and eaten Middle Ages-style by using bare hands.

"Tickets are going fast so if you want to attend you need to get your tickets right away," said Navo.

For more information contact Kadena High School at 634-3459.



## Today

**BANYAN TREE:** Top 40 Virus from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

- Flashback Fridays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.
- Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

**ITT TOURS:** Urashima Dinner Theater. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

**EMERY LANES:** Thunder Bowl from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Deja Vu Hits from 5 to 7 p.m.

- Variety dance hits from 7 p.m. to close.

**FSC CLASSES:** Citizenship Class from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information call FSC at 634-3366.

- Family Readiness Fair from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call FSC at 634-3366.

**CIRQUE NOEL:** Cirque style acrobatic, aerial performances, magic and dance shows start at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Saturday

**BANYAN TREE:** Latin, salsa, and reggae music from 10 p.m. until close in the ballroom.

- Hip hop from 8 p.m. to close in the lounge.

**ITT TOURS:** Battle of Okinawa tour. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

**OFFICERS CLUB:** Handsome Stranger live band performs in the Weekender Lounge starting at 8 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Top 40 Variety from 7 p.m. to close in the Reflections Lounge.

**SCHILLING:** Free Bingo Event starting at 7 p.m.

**FSC CLASSES:** Give Parents a Break from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information call FSC at 634-3366.

## Sunday

**BANYAN TREE:** Juke Box Jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**EMERY LANES:** Family Day from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Games are \$1.00 each.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Best of old and new variety from 7 p.m. to close.

**ITT TOURS:** Tunnel Rats Tour and Relaxing day at Loisir Hotel. For more information call ITT 634-4322.

## Monday

**BANYAN TREE:** Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

- Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Classic to modern rock music selections from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

**ITT TOURS:** Sunshine Town and Kasuri Studio Tour. For more information call ITT 634-4322.

## American Style



Air Force/Master Sgt. Adam Johnston

Kadena residents looking for a place to shop, grab a bite to eat, or just catch a nice glimpse of the waterfront can visit Mihama American Village in Chatan Town. The area has dozens of restaurants, clothing stores and various forms of entertainment, including occasional live band performances in the market square and a movie theater. Mihama American Village is located approximately five kilometers south of Kadena on Route 58 across from Camp Lester.

**FSC CLASSES:** Money Management class from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information call FSC at 634-3366.

- AF Basic Computer Class from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Tuesday

**BANYAN TREE:** Football Frenzy from 7 p.m. to close.

- Pool tournament begins at 7 p.m.

- Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Football Frenzy from 7 to 11 p.m.

**FSC CLASSES:** Heart Link from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call FSC at 634-3366.

- AF Basic Computer Class from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

tion Counseling from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Secrets to Retiring Rich Seminar from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Dec. 16

**BANYAN TREE:** Reggae beats from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

- Flashback Fridays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

- Latin, salsa and reggae music from 10 p.m. to close.

- Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

**EMERY LANES:** Thunder Bowl from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Deja Vu hits from 5 to 7 p.m.

- Variety dance hits from 7 p.m. to close.

- Best of 80s and 90s in the Reflections Lounge from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

**ITT TOURS:** Churu-U Bath House Tour. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

## Dec. 17

**BANYAN TREE:** Latin, salsa, and reggae music from 10 p.m. until close in the ballroom.

- Hip hop from 8 p.m. to close in the lounge.

**EMERY LANES:** Bowling tournament begins at 7 p.m. For more information call 634-2290.

**OFFICERS CLUB:** Handsome Stranger live band performs in the Weekender Lounge starting at 8 p.m.

**ITT TOURS:** Okuma and Hiji Falls Tour and Shuri Castle And Shikina Tour. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Top 40 Variety Mixer from 7 p.m. to close in the Reflections Lounge.

**SCHILLING:** Card and Comic Show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**MAREK PARK:** Movie in the park will be How the Grinch Stole Christmas beginning at 6 p.m. Free popcorn and drinks will be provided.

**FSC CLASSES:** Deployed Spouses Dinner from 6 p.m. to 8

p.m. For more information call FSC at 634-3366.

## Dec. 18

**BANYAN TREE:** Juke Box Jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**EMERY LANES:** Family Day from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Games are \$1.00 each.

**ITT TOURS:** Battle of Okinawa and Yomitan Pottery Festival. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Best of old and new variety from 7 p.m. to close.

## Dec. 19

**BANYAN TREE:** Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

- Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

**ITT TOURS:** Winter Wonderland Ice Skating. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Classic to modern rock music selections from 7 to 11 p.m.

## Dec. 20

**BANYAN TREE:** Football Frenzy from 7 p.m. to close.

- Pool tournament begins at 7 p.m.

- Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Football Frenzy from 7 to 11 p.m.

**ITT TOURS:** Ocean Observatory Tour. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

**FSC CLASSES:** Sponsorship Training Class from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call FSC at 634-3366.

## Dec. 21

**BANYAN TREE:** Ladies night from 8 to 11 p.m.

- Dart tournament at 7 p.m.

- Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

**ITT TOURS:** Southeast Botanical Gardens Christmas Light Show. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Jazz

from 5 to 8 p.m.

- Ladies Night from 8 p.m. to close.

**OFFICERS CLUB:** Family membership night from 5 to 7 p.m.

**FSC CLASSES:** Accompanied Newcomers Bus Tour from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call FSC at 634-3366.

## Dec. 22

**BANYAN TREE:** Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Country dance lessons are available at 7 p.m.

- Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Reggae in the lounge from 5 to 7 p.m.

**ITT TOURS:** Southeast Botanical Gardens Christmas Light Show. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

**FSC CLASSES:** Blended Families Seminar and Group Pre-Separation Counseling. For more information call FSC at 634-3366.

## Dec. 23

**BANYAN TREE:** Top 40 Virus from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m.

- Flashback Fridays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

- Hip hop to Dirty South from 10 p.m. to close.

- Top 40 Dance Hits from 10 p.m. to close in the Ballroom.

## MOVIES

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

\* First Run shows are marked by an asterisk.

### Keystone Theater

▲ Today..... All movies are cancelled from today until Dec. 13

### Butler Theater

▲ Today..... \*Harry Potter IV, PG-13, 6 p.m.

▲ Saturday..... \*Harry Potter IV, PG-13, 10 p.m.

▲ Sunday..... \*Harry Potter IV, PG-13, 2 p.m.

▲ Monday..... \*Harry Potter IV, PG-13, 6 p.m.

▲ Tuesday..... Lord of War, R, 10 p.m.

▲ Wednesday..... Lord of War, R, 10 p.m.

▲ Thursday..... \*Walk the Line, PG-13, 7 p.m.

▲ Dec. 16..... Lord of War, R, 7 p.m.

▲ Dec. 17..... A History of Violence, R, 10 p.m.

▲ Dec. 18..... Wallace and Gromit, G, 1 p.m.

▲ Dec. 19..... Yours, Mine, and Ours, PG-13, 4 p.m.

▲ Dec. 20..... Walk the Line, PG-13, 7 p.m.

▲ Dec. 21..... A History of Violence, R, 10 p.m.

## CHAPEL

### Catholic

▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.

▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.

▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.

Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

### Protestant

▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.

▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.

Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.

Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m.

Traditional, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.

Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday school, Bldg. 327, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.

▲ Contemporary worship: Sundays, Chapel 1, 7:30 p.m.

▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486

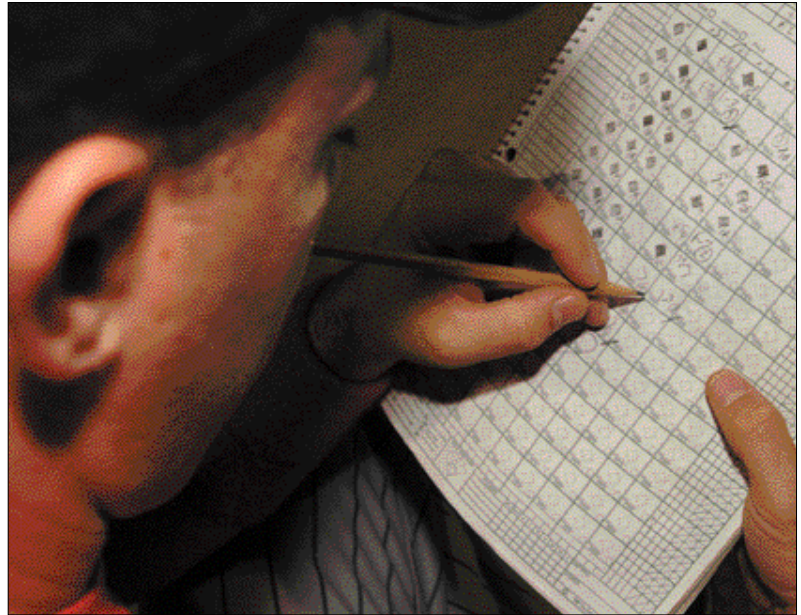
▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027

▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219





Misty DeRemer, 18th CS, judges a pitch during the fourth inning of the co-ed softball championship game Dec. 1.



David DeRemer tallies up hits from the 18th Communications Squadron co-ed softball team after a 19-12 loss to the 18th Munitions Squadron.



Britney Tuttle, 18th MUNS, reaches for a ball as it rolls into home plate.

## MUNS upsets COMM 19-12, for Kadena's Co-ed softball title

By Master Sgt.  
Adam Johnston  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The 18th Munitions Squadron upset the undefeated 18th Communications Squadron 19-12 during the base's co-ed softball championship Dec. 1.

"Winning this game was great," said MUNS coach Steven Erickson. "COMM beat us real good in regular season, 16-6, and we were really worried about this game. Even if the team wasn't worried, then at least I was," he said with a chuckle.

"It was awful," said Misty DeRemer, first baseman with 18th COMM. "It's hard to go all season undefeated and lose in the finals."

Dale Sowers, COMM's coach agreed. "It was disappointing to lose the last game. We went 16-1 in between regular season and the playoffs and that's a heck of a season for any team"

The championship win was the second year in a row that MUNS took the co-ed softball title.

Sports organizers at Kadena kicked off a co-ed softball league last year for the first time in eight years.

"Last year we went undefeated and pretty much swept every team off the field," Erickson said. "This year the other teams were more competitive."

Erickson said "full credit" for his squadron's victory goes to the females on the team. "Several players [in the league] didn't give the females the justice they deserved and our female players made our opponents pay the price for making that mistake," he said.

Erickson also singled out teammate Tameka Studevan for supplying the MUNS team with some inspiration in the championship game by pounding a ball to the right center fence.

He also said this year's MUNS team was outstanding. "We had what most teams struggle to obtain: a 'team.' I didn't have just ball players, I had ball players that played together versus just people out to better themselves."

Erickson said one surprise of this year's co-ed softball season was seeing the 18th Medical Group getting knocked out in the first round.

"Originally, I predicted the final teams to be MDG, COMM and MUNS. It was a huge surprise to see MDG knocked out."

As for next year, Erickson said he hopes there will be a co-ed season and says the MUNS plan is to three-peat.

"We are losing a few players, but MUNS is huge so we will gain players throughout. That's the beauty about co-ed softball, everyone gets to play."



Nicole Ketchen, 18th CS, attempts to get a base hit to bring a runner home during the championship game.